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## CODY DYCE

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## DEAN FERRIS

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Rain, hail or shine, you know Dean Ferris will be there to play. As the sighting lap commenced, the MX1 class welcomed some rain to throw a spanner into the works. For Ferris, it was just another race, pulling the holeshot and never being troubled for the lead from the outset. His ability to not only ride to the changing conditions of an already brutal track, but to pass lapped riders like they weren't there was a spectacle that only a few riders could ever achieve







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From round two of the Motul MX Nationals to rounds 3&4 of the Yamaha Australian Off-Road Championship, we've got it all in here.

In this issue we're also catching up with Hamish Harwood who's currently racing two classes at the MX Nationals, we'll check out why the 125cc Gold Cup class is so appealing and as usual we'll have stacks of content thanks to our expert contributors.

Want to know who won what over the last two weeks here in Australia, well you're in the right place – We also have the results and write ups from all your major championships.

So get into it, we're pumped on our latest issue, and know that you guys, our readers are going to love it too!

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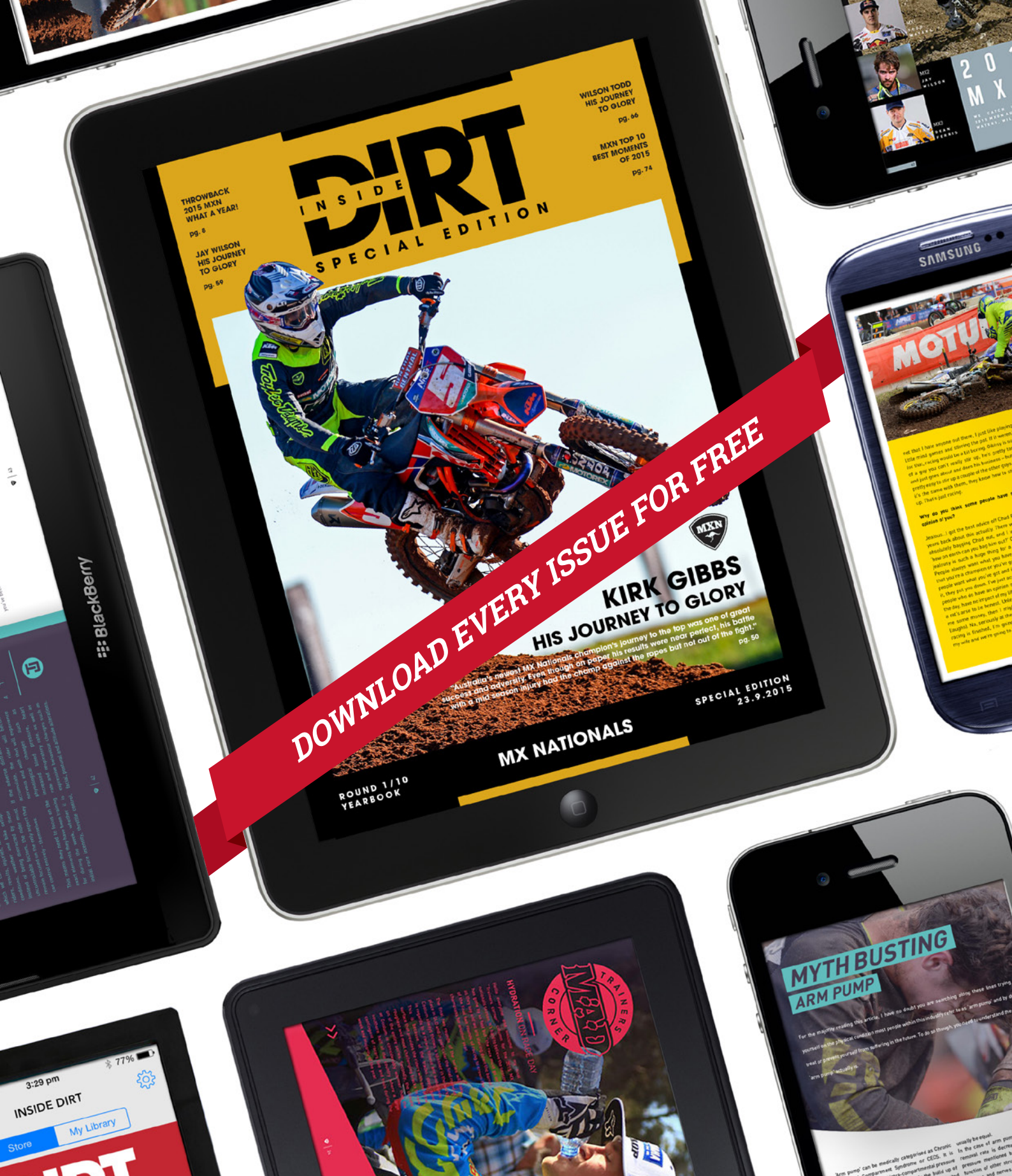
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# BEHIND THE GATES



Two rounds down and another eight to go. It's safe to say we are loving 2017 so far and from our perspective the Motul MX Nationals is producing racing that is better than ever before.

With round one and two now behind us, we've set our sights firmly on Conondale in the Sunshine Coast hinterland. Most of the time we head to the venue you late in the season, but this year we've brought the Green Park round forward and in just a few days the trucks will arrive and riders will be pouring into the venue.

Conondale is always a favourite for the Williams Event Management crew. The setting is pretty spectacular and if you're staying at

the track there are lots of nice little spots to park up the campers and really take in what the venue has to offer. It's a weekend where it feels like we could be back in the good old days, spending time with the family and doing what we all love, and that's going racing.

Speaking of racing, this year we knew coming in to the season that it was going to be good but we cannot believe the dominance of Dean Ferris in the Thor MX1 category, the strength of the Yamaha boys Mitch Evans, Wilson Todd and Jackson Richardson in the Motul MX2 class, and the relentless determination of the newcomers in the Pirelli MXD class to leave their mark on the championship. It's made for two very fun and





explosive weekends of racing and we're just excited that we still have eight more rounds of this in 2017.

As for us at Williams Event Management we've been pleased with good crowd numbers and healthy rider numbers so far this season. Throughout my time running this championship I've seen the highs and the lows in the sport and it's been very encouraging for the series and of course the industry to see solid gates in all classes at both rounds.

We've been working very hard behind the scenes to develop the support classes so that juniors, veterans and senior riders alike all have the opportunity to race for their own titles, and also gain valuable experience riding

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DEVELOP SUPPORT CLASSES***





on tracks at a national level. With the numbers in the support classes being very healthy I think we can concur that we have the formula right and we're excited to continue to work with the riders and their families throughout this season.

For me, a lot of people ask why I keep going after now more than 20 years of running events here in Australia. I can still remember my very first event and it all being run out of a trailer and just praying that people would turn up. For me, it's simple though, racing is in my blood, it's what I wake up early every morning thinking about, it's what my whole family has been doing since the kids were born, and while there are times when it's tough and we wonder why and how we do it, I wouldn't have

it any other way.

Bringing a show to the people is the best part of the job. The riders showing their skills off to the world puts smiles on the faces of every child who comes to a round and we're just happy to help facilitate that.

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# TEAM TALK

## GET AN INSIGHT AS TO WHAT GOES ON AS A TEAM OWNER AT THE MX NATIONALS

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After many years of managing the MAD Moto-X Athlete Development brand, I have seen the program evolve from our coaching schools, to an action sports performance gym facility and over the last few seasons the MAD Peter Stevens junior development race team. In 2017 we have expanded the MAD program take on a new role in the arena of the MX Nationals series.

The MAD Peter Stevens race team is new to the MX Nationals for 2017 and for me it has been many years in the making. I have invested a great amount of time and passion into the MXN tour since 2013 and between coaching riders and NRGTV commentary, it has become a second home thanks to Kevin Williams and the MXN family. The MAD brand has always supported riders competing in the MX Nationals and over the years we have had some great success stories within the series. Jack Simpson is a rider who I worked very closely with after he graduated juniors and he went on to podium in the MXD championship in 2013 and 2014, Sam Martin is another rider who trained under the MAD program and had podium success in MXN and supercross. Taylor Potter, Maddy Brown, Daniel Milner are all names that have worked with our program and had success in their respective disciplines within the sport.



## PREPARATION

However I always felt there was something missing, a gap in the industry that needed to be filled. Coaching and training some of the elite factory supported riders over the last few years has been great, but for every rider who “makes it” and gains factory deals, support and a pay cheque from the sport, I could name you literally hundreds of riders that I have worked with whom had great talent, drive and commitment but unfortunately fell through the cracks and despite their best efforts did not have the time, resources and the support circle around them to survive this fiercely competitive sport until they landed that factory contract.

Managing the MAD Peter Stevens junior development team in 2016 helped me to come up with this program expansion that will facilitate our junior team riders transition into the professional ranks in the future. The reason was quite simple. Other than the very few graduating junior riders each season that have factory support or have landed a ride on a factory team, there is a tremendous amount of talent that will enter the MX Nationals under prepared and not ready for that next step.

Every riders journey is different and consequently some young riders need more time to mature and progress before they will be able to show their true potential racing at a professional level. Unfortunately for a lot of these riders they will approach their first few seasons racing at this higher level the same way they did the amateur junior level. With Mum and Dad in the family van or camper, chasing the dream all over Australia. Now don't take this the wrong way, there is nothing wrong with that and the wonderful thing about our sport is that a riders family can be involved from literally day one all the way through to racing the most elite series in the sport.







***“Take riders who have promise, potential and talent and provide them with an environment that both they and their families can find support ”***







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However, racing at a professional level requires more time, preparation, resources and is essentially a full time pursuit for not just the rider but his support circle during the racing season. This is a tremendous undertaking for a young rider and his family and one I feel not enough promising juniors take seriously heading into the pro ranks. Many of these riders will hit burn out and not make it past their first few seasons as a pro rider and if we can help nurture and develop this type of rider to keep them in the sport, then to me that is a win regardless of the results on the track.

Our idea is simple, as a team manager I want to take riders who have promise, potential and talent and provide them with an environment that both they and their families can find support and room to develop in their professional racing journey. All of the above had led to the addition of the MXN senior team that will play a key role in our rider development program, as we can now offer those riders on our junior squad the opportunity to travel with the team to race the junior support classes at MXN events, and furthermore offer junior riders a full team ride in MXD for their first season as a senior, complete with a team transporter, mechanic and tech support, coaching and a mentor to show them the ropes."

Our team riders and their families can fly to the events just like the factory teams and focus on developing their racing careers, not having to stress every little detail of making it to the races and being in the privateer struggle. This is often a privilege reserved for very few graduating junior riders and we are excited to be able to help our junior development team riders and their families take that next step into the pro ranks with a long term plan to stay in the sport and make it all the way into the premier classes of MX2 and MX1.

The opening rounds of the 2017 MXD series has been a mixed bag of promising qualifying positions and race results along with crashes and struggles for our riders James Alen MX1, Karl Claridge MX2 and Josh Brewster MXD. The beauty of our program is that this is to be expected and we can provide these young riders with the support, feedback and development systems they need via our coaching, mentors, team technicians and sponsors to ensure that their journey in the MX Nationals continues to progress forward and they stay in the sport long enough to achieve their true potential.



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Australia's team to contest the 2017 Junior Motocross World Championship in Estonia on 30 July has been announced by Motorcycling Australia (MA).

Representing Australia in the 125cc will be Mason Semmens and Caleb Grothues, while in the 85cc it will be 2014 65cc title-winner Jett Lawrence, Alex Larwood and Cody Chittick..

Source:

<http://motoonline.com.au>





## Breakthrough MXGP class podium crucial for Herlings

Red Bull KTM's Jeffrey Herlings entered the Valkenswaard MXGP round off the back of seven-straight MX2 victories at the venue and managed to score a first-career premier class podium on Sunday.

Herlings has endured a difficult start to the season so far in 2017, but managed a 3-3 result in the Netherlands for third overall, bumping him up to eighth in the championship standings..

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## Hill celebrates first-career supercross crown

Monster Energy Pro Circuit Kawasaki's Justin Hill clinched an emotional first career title and Pro Circuit's 20th Monster Energy Supercross championship after racing to a third-place result in Salt Lake City.

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## TARGET HAMISH HARWOOD

He's doing the unimaginable, he's lining up at every round of the Motul MX Nationals in not only one but two classes this season, bringing his total track time every weekend up to an impressive three hours!

That's right, this year New Zealander Hamish Harwood has committed to not only competing in one 'Ironman' round but a whole season of taking on the Motul MX2 and Thor MX1 classes week in, week out.

We recently caught up with the KTM rider from across the ditch to find out a bit more about what makes the Motul MX National's very own Ironman tick!



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**So probably the question everyone wants me to ask is what on earth motivated you to race the mx2 and the mx1 classes this year at the mx nationals?**

Probably the main motivation was my mechanic and team owner in New Zealand. They basically said 'You'll be able to race two classes in Aussie won't you?' and I sort of said 'I guess' and from there we just made it happen. I've been riding a 250 two-stroke and 300 two-stroke and racing both classes. For the last two years I've raced two classes in New Zealand so it's sort of the same thing and we just thought why not do it in Australia as well.

**You're on track for about three hours every weekend, how does the body handle that?**

It's usually not too bad. I probably lack on bike time a bit because I actually don't ride that much during the week. I am doing my building apprenticeship and that's full time so I'm usually pretty lucky if I get one ride in during the week. But yeah the body actually was pretty sore after the last round, I was sick and that made quite a big difference. I don't know why but I was quite sore.

**How do you train to ride that much every second weekend?**

To be honest I think people would be pretty surprised at the amount of bike time I actually have. Usually when I go to the track I do about three rides when I go riding for the day. That can be a mixture of a moto, sprints or sections. If the track is real good or if I'm feeling good I might do four rides. I'm obviously doing my building apprenticeship so that keeps me pretty busy too but I enjoy it.

**What do you do for recovery?**

I don't do too much for recovery, occasionally it's a slow sort of a jog or something. But a lot of the time I'm back at work pretty soon after we've got home so if I can get any recovery in it's a bonus. Often we don't fly out of Australia back to New Zealand until the Monday morning so by the time we get back to Auckland and then get to the house it can be three or four in the afternoon so getting recovery in can be a bit of a juggle. Actually at round one we got the late night flight out of Melbourne and then got back to New Zealand at around five in the morning then I went straight to work, so I was pretty stuffed when I eventually got home and sleep was pretty much my only recovery (laughs).





### **Which class do you prefer?**

The MX2 class is my focus. For MX1 I just take it as it comes. I'm not too worried if I get a bad start, I just try my hardest but MX2 is definitely the focus for me.

### **Why both classes?**

One of the main reasons is to show what the KTM 300 EXC is capable of. KTM wants to be able to show that the bike is not only for Enduro but cross country and motocross too. With what I'm doing I'm able to really show what the bike can do. I love racing both classes. It's expensive to come racing in Aussie, so if I race both classes it gives me plenty of bike time every weekend and makes it worthwhile.

### **Coming into this season what were you expecting results wise from each class?**

In the MX1 class I was hoping to be top ten. I knew that was going to be a challenge because most of the top ten is all factory guys on teams, but we're working on it. In MX2 I was definitely hoping to be top five, if not pushing for podiums which is kind of where I'm at but not quite just yet.

### **What's the hardest thing about racing both classes?**

It's actually eating. Yep, eating and drinking. I don't know if it's just me or for everyone but after I've just come off a moto I don't usually feel like eating for about half an hour to an hour, but when you only have a short time or back to back motos it's hard to get anything in. You really need to eat properly but you also don't want to eat too much and end up getting a stitch out there.





**Lastly if someone was thinking of racing both classes, what would be the best piece of advice you could give them?**

Just do plenty of off the bike training. Do double what you think you have to do. That's my biggest piece of advice.

**Well thanks for the chat, and good luck this weekend.**

No problems, thanks heaps.

**MW<sub>xx</sub>**





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**Dean Ferris, here at Appin with a 2-1 for the overall – a really good result, especially that second moto it was just a nice ride.**



Yeah, the first moto, it was tough. I didn't get the holeshot and I kind of never found my rhythm and [Kirk] Gibbs is riding good. I got a little bit lucky, [Brett] Metcalfe and [Kyle] Peters handed it to me with a fall, so I still got solid points in that moto. Second moto I got the holeshot, I knew it was important cause it started to rain, so yeah, kind of just got through the moto and didn't do anything crazy. I felt more comfortable in that slippery stuff than I did in moto one, I kind of pumped up a bit in moto one, so really solid day and on top of that we got Super Pole again, so extra points. We are in



**How important are these results to begin the season, especially defending the championship, just getting a good amount of points on the board?**



You know, points at every round is what it's all about, but important. Last year we did it the really hard way and we changed our strategy this year. We also, like I said at podium, made some changes in the off-season that have just made my riding a lot better. I wouldn't say my job's easier, as motocross is hard, but I just really enjoy the bike.









**You've obviously been to many of the tracks before, but last year you were sort of refamiliarising yourself with them again, so what is it like this year coming off the championship one year ago?**



I actually think it's easier. I haven't been to Wonthaggi, but today it was just fresh in my mind from last year, how this track was, we hit the ground running in practice and we kind of predicted how it was going to be... it was going to get hard behind the start gate and stuff like that, so yeah, definitely it's an advantage and that's why national guys in any country around the world in motocross go good nationally. If you go racing Britain or Belgium, where they have ridden those tracks for years, and Cody Cooper in New Zealand, he's unreal. So yeah, I think it helps coming back to the same tracks.



**It seems like you're probably a little bit more relaxed to start off this season, like you said in a flow. Does that feel like the case for you?**



Yeah, it does. I feel like the first round was great, this round was great, practicing was great. We are at another level with my training with Guy Andrews, just because we have had a few years back home now, injury-free. Everything is clicking and we wanted to keep working hard and make sure we try to click off those wins and not settle. Personally, I want to get better and improve and that's what keeps me going forward.





**Is there anyone early on in the season that you have identified that could be the biggest threat for the championship at this stage?**



You know, Gibbs is there and he is a solid guy, Metcalfe is still getting himself together and obviously Todd [Waters] is riding through some injuries and he will get stronger, but I've just got to focus on what we can do and yeah, have these good rounds.



**Well awesome result, good to see and well done!**



Thank you!







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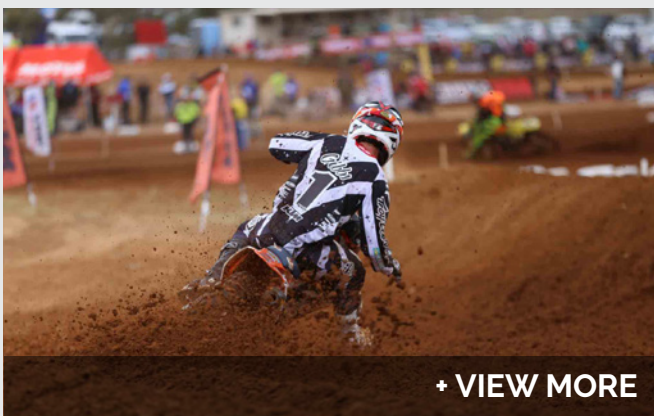
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## RACE RECAP

# MITCH EVANS

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**Mitch Evans with the 1-1, you must be really stoked with that, second time out in MX2, so well done.**



Yeah, really pumped with how today went, just focused on getting good starts. I got a holeshot in the first one and was top three in the second one – I just sort of settled into both races and let everyone charge hard early. I knew they were both going to be long races and really physical, because the track was really rough today, so I just settled in, controlled my breathing and just paced myself to the end. I got a bit lucky in that second one, but I had to be in that position to take advantage of it. My plan wasn't to win races this early. If one was there for the taking I would take it, so yeah, first year out I just wanted to be consistent and top five every weekend and build off that after the mid-season break, so for it to come earlier than we expected, we are really happy.



**Something just click for you around here today, just good track position or a bit of combination?**



A bit of combination. We have the bike going good now, suspension-wise. I knew if I could get a good start I could win motos, so I just really focused on getting good starts. This track is a lot like mine at home and I have just been pounding laps out on that in the three weeks we had off. Appin has always been good to me – the junior Aussies were pretty much flawless the whole week – so yeah, I love coming here, love racing here, and I know you need to get good starts for good track position here. Can't wait for next year to be back here.









**Does this change your approach at all in the championship?**



No, not at all. I'm just going to go home, we've got a good program going now Peter Hull from Fitstop Australia, which is helping me with my training and diet. We got a good program now and I'm loving training now, seeing some good results. Just going to keep staying consistent and getting good starts and we will see how we end up at mid-break and really start focusing on going for moto wins.



**How are you enjoying it, finally being in the MX2 class now? You won the title last year in the Under 19s, but it seems like a good battle there emerging up front this season already.**



Definitely, all of us raced each other as juniors, so it's pretty cool to see us come this far. Back in the day we always used to look up to guys, we always wanted to be there. Ten years ago I never would of thought racing Wilson Todd at club day back at Cairns, that we would be racing for moto wins in the elite class at MX Nationals. So yeah, I'm just pumped on it you know, just loving racing at the moment, feeling really good fitness-wise and yeah, just cant wait to get back into it





**Awesome! Well it's been definitely good to watch, so well done!**



Thank you very much!







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We caught up with former pro racer turned stuntman Mackie to find out the reasons why he's rallying around to get YOU to race the 125cc Gold Cup Class this season.

### **What was the motivation to race the 125cc Gold Cup Class?**

Initially what motivated me to race the 125 class was just that I had time in my schedule. I don't race professionally anymore so I sort of pick and choose my races these days, but this is definitely worth coming out of retirement for.

### **What is it about riding a 125 that you enjoy most?**

I can still get that buzz from racing that I love. The 125 has no where near the power of a 450 so it's nice and safe so I don't really have to worry about getting hurt and not being able to work and it's just a lot of fun.

### **The 125 class was hugely popular in the past, what are your memories of racing 125s?**

I remember when I first went senior, there was 120 of us on 125s. There were two 60 rider times practice sessions just to qualify, it was huge. I came off being a good junior and then when I got into that class I ended up getting waxed, so for me racing this class at Conondale is about getting some sort of redemption on the guys who used to beat me. I was a pretty good junior racer, but that class was tough back in the day.





**So, are you going for the title this year?**

I'm planning on doing all three rounds, and there's definitely a few guys who I'd like to see out there having a crack with me. Guys like Cam Taylor who used to beat me back when I was racing. I'm also hoping that a few fast juniors will step up to give it a crack – it should make for some interesting and fun racing.

**What would you say to riders thinking about giving it a go at Conondale this weekend?**

Racing a 125 at Conondale is something that's really going to be a lot of fun. I've rallied around to rev a few of my mates up to get out there, but I just hope it's good racing for the fans and it can add another element to what's already going to be a fun weekend at the Nationals.







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## ROUND 2 RACE RECAP

On the 18th of April we saw the continuation of the Australian Mx Nationals Virtual Series, It was quite an eventful night to say the least, Having a lot of spanners thrown in the works, and having an extremely technical track to top it all off, the guys up the front within the top 5, showed tremendous skill to keep the bikes up right for the length of time they did, Especially late moto when they had to contend with the lappers.

It was awesome too see a big a massive field in the MX2 Class again, and having a rider from the US, Joining us in the MX1 Class "Colton Mitchell"







# MX1

*With last round's winner Broc Pearson, looking to really put his foot down and prove his point against the other riders, He set an astounding Qualifying lap streaks ahead of his competition. It was interesting to see how Colton would do as his it's his first Appearance on the AUS Soil, But he was set to prove a point qualifying 3rd.*

## **MOTO 1**

With a fairly complicated first corner straight off the bat were set straight away to see some action in the first corner from out top riders, before they even made the holeshot banner a lot of the top competitors went down, Finn Collins and out number 1 Qualifier Broc Pearsons, It was Colton's race to loose at this point aboard his Prime Designs Racing KTM, he set a lot of consistent laps with last round race winner Toby Stocks following closely behind, But the real race was on between, Collins and Pearson as they come pushing through the pack, by mid moto The two of them had secured top 5 positions and were closing in on Toby Stocks, They crossed the line in a tight battle between he three of them. Colton Taking the win followed by Toby Stocks and Broc Pearson after Finn had fallen off the pace quite abit in the last 10 Minutes of the moto.

## **MOTO 2**

The second race was one of the best race's a lot of the people watching had seen, having all four of our top qualifiers making it through the first turn safely, It was on right from the get go, Colton Mitchell put the hammer down early on to secure himself abit of breathing room from close charging Broc Pearson and Finn Collins, Toby Stocks unfortunately had a small issue mid way through the race and dropped off quite abit, The Lappers were playing quite a crucial part in this race as they were all over the place, as Pearson and Collins come through the pack mid moto, by the 25 minute mark Mitchell had already secured himself enough of a lead to relax a little and drop the pace by a few seconds a lap and still manage to finish in front of Pearson and Collins. Colton Mitchell took quite a convincing win over the Aussies Broc Pearson and Finn Collins.





## RESULTS

1st	Colton Mitchell	Prime Designs	50pts	USA
2nd	Broc Pearson	JPD	42pts	AUS
3rd	Toby Stocks	ilabb.com	40pts	AUS
4th	Finn Collins	ilabb.com	38pts	AUS
5th	Josh Hamilton	Spitfire Sparkplugs	32pts	AUS



# MX2

*With a lot of the Europeans and USA Riders coming back for seconds and trying to strike revenge on the last round to capitalise points on absent riders, it sore a huge field of super competitive riders, What took us by surprise once again was Clint Scriha taking the top qualifying spot once again and then being ruled out with another mechanical in both motos, It was awesome to see Sebastian Jost coming across to round two, The young Austrian taking 2nd in qualifying in his first appearance for the series.*

## **MOTO 1**

Now moto 1 was one of the most action pact races I've ever seen, it had all the spectators sitting on the edge of their seats, as the top 5 were just constantly battling it out, Edward Mora got an early lead as the pack started to thin out and managed to capitalise on half the field and the big freight train behind him falling over each other trying to pick up spots, but one of the best riders come from Jordan Moxey from the UK Coming from way mid pack up into second position where he would try to start to shave time off of Mora, With them to making a break for it, It then left Jeremi Seabolt and the likes of Connor Holyak and Mack spokes battling for positions, it was soon clear that Mora had secured himself a 20+ Second lead and managed to maintain that over the Corse of the last 15 Minutes of the moto, After Moxey had a mistake and an Issue with a lapped rider, Edward Mora managed to secure his first Win for the series followed by Jordan Moxey and Jeremi Seabolt.

## **MOTO 2**

This moto was a lot more intense then the first just like the first round because of its 20minute +1lap format causing the riders to go all out, in an intense brawl for the top 5 Positions, Race 2 sore a lot of other riders that had issues in the first turn I the first moto Secure a better start and manage to run up the front, one of them being Corey Dodds out of the UK, With the pressure being on Mora to back up his moto 1 win he took an awesome holeshot once again, but was followed closely by Jordan Moxey and Jeremi Seabolt, Unfortunately, Connor Holyak sore another DNF this time being caused by a lapped rider and himself coming together and him not being able to continue with his bike being the way it was, It was a close battle all the way to the finish with Jordan Moxey holding off the US Duo of Jeremi Seabolt and Edward Mora.





## RESULTS

1st	Jordan Moxey	JPD	47pts	UK
2nd	Edward Mora	Vurbmoto	45pts	USA
3rd	Jeremi Seabolt	Evergood	42pts	USA
4th	Mack Spokes	Privateer	32pts	AUS
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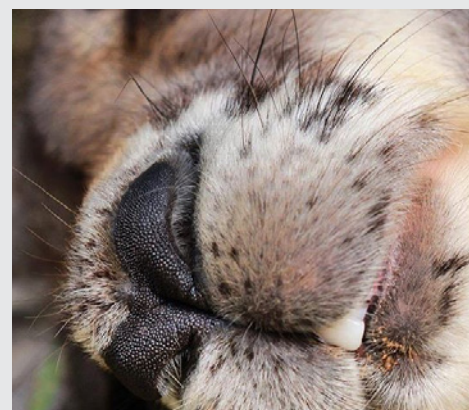
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# HITS & MISSES

MotoOnline.com.au takes a closer look and assesses the Hits and Misses following an eventful second round of the 2017 Motul MX Nationals at Appin, New South Wales.





# HIT.

THE HIGHS FROM ROUND 2 OF THE 2017 MX NATIONALS



**“THE KTM MOTOCROSS RACING TEAM PILOT LOOKED LIKE HE HADN'T MISSED A BEAT AS HE TORE TO A 12-SECOND WIN OVER RED PLATE-HOLDER DEAN FERRIS”**

- SIMON MAKKER SPEAKS ON KIRK GIBBS

### Yamaha teams:

You can be certain there were some wide smiles and back-slaps going down at Yamaha Motor Australia this week after the bLU cRU swept the top placings in each class for the second round in a row. Dean Ferris' 2-1 put CDR Yamaha on top of the MX1 rostrum, while Serco Yamaha's Mitch Evans (1-1) and Yamalube Yamaha Racing's Cody Dyce (7-1) lifted the number one round plate in the MX2 and MXD classes respectively. In today's age of highly competitive machinery and technology, that's a hell of an achievement for Yamaha.

### Kirk Gibbs (KTM Motocross Racing Team) – MX1, second overall:

If you'd seen 2015 MX Nationals champion Kirk Gibbs charging like a wounded bull to the MX1 moto win in stifling heat, you'd have never guessed he'd come off a lengthy injury after snapping his femur in September. The KTM Motocross Racing Team pilot looked

like he hadn't missed a beat as he tore to a 12-second win over red plate-holder Dean Ferris. In the second race Gibbsy was caught in a first-lap crash with Kyle Peters and Luke Clout and remounted well behind the rest of the pack. Still, he pinned his ears back and steamrolled his way to sixth place before reaching the checkers, awarding him with an impressive second overall in the process.

### Nathan Crawford (MEGA Bulk Fuels Monster Energy Kawasaki) – MX1, seventh overall:

MEGA Bulk Fuels Monster Energy Kawasaki racer Nathan Crawford had every reason to be chuffed after Appin. In his second national appearance with the new squad the 19-year-old scored his first Super Pole appearance where he finished fourth, then backed that up with another fourth placing in the opening race. His eighth position in the sodden second race wasn't exactly a shining example of his best riding, but Nato had a big smile as he left the Macarthur Motorcycle Complex and will take plenty of confidence into his home round at Conondale in two weeks' time.







# MISS.

THE LOWS OF ROUND 2 OF THE 2017 MX NATIONALS





### Dylan Long (CDR Yamaha) – MX1, 12th overall:

CDR Yamaha's new recruit Dylan Long had a day to forget in Appin's notorious ruts and square-edged bumps. Early in the opening race he jarred his recovering wrist and was forced to grit his teeth and block out the pain for the remainder of the day. He circulated to a 12th in the first race and a 13th in the second moto for 12th overall on the day. As a result of the disappointing results he's slid to 11th overall in the MX1 standings. He'll get some more treatment on his wrist and allow his body to recover as much as he can before Conondale.

### Luke Clout (Crankt Protein Honda Racing) – MX1, 10th overall:

As his home round with thousands of hours clocked around the Appin complex Crankt Protein Honda Racing rookie Luke Clout would've been targeting round two as one where he could make his mark in the premier class. Home ground advantage, family and

friends on the sidelines, local knowledge, it was all pointing in his favour, until the gate dropped. Crashes in both motos – including one spectacular wreck involving Kirk Gibbs and Kyle Peters right off the start in the second race – saw him playing catch-up all day as he battled to ninth in both motos. Clouty showed good speed all day, but it's hard to run at the front of the pack when you're picking your bars up out of the dirt.

### Aleksandr Tonkov (MEGA Bulk Fuels Monster Energy Kawasaki) – MX1, eighth overall:

It was kept pretty quiet, but MEGA Bulk Fuels Monster Energy Kawasaki's Russian import Alex Tonkov had a heavy practice crash after Wonthaggi and had limited time on the bike leading up to the MX Nationals' second round at Appin. When you consider he'd had limited bike set-up time before the series started as well, it starts to make sense why the MXGP podium contender has yet to fire much of a shot in this series. Still, he told us he feels more confident on the bike every time he goes out and his results are starting to improve, so it shouldn't be too long before he becomes a regular contender for the podium.



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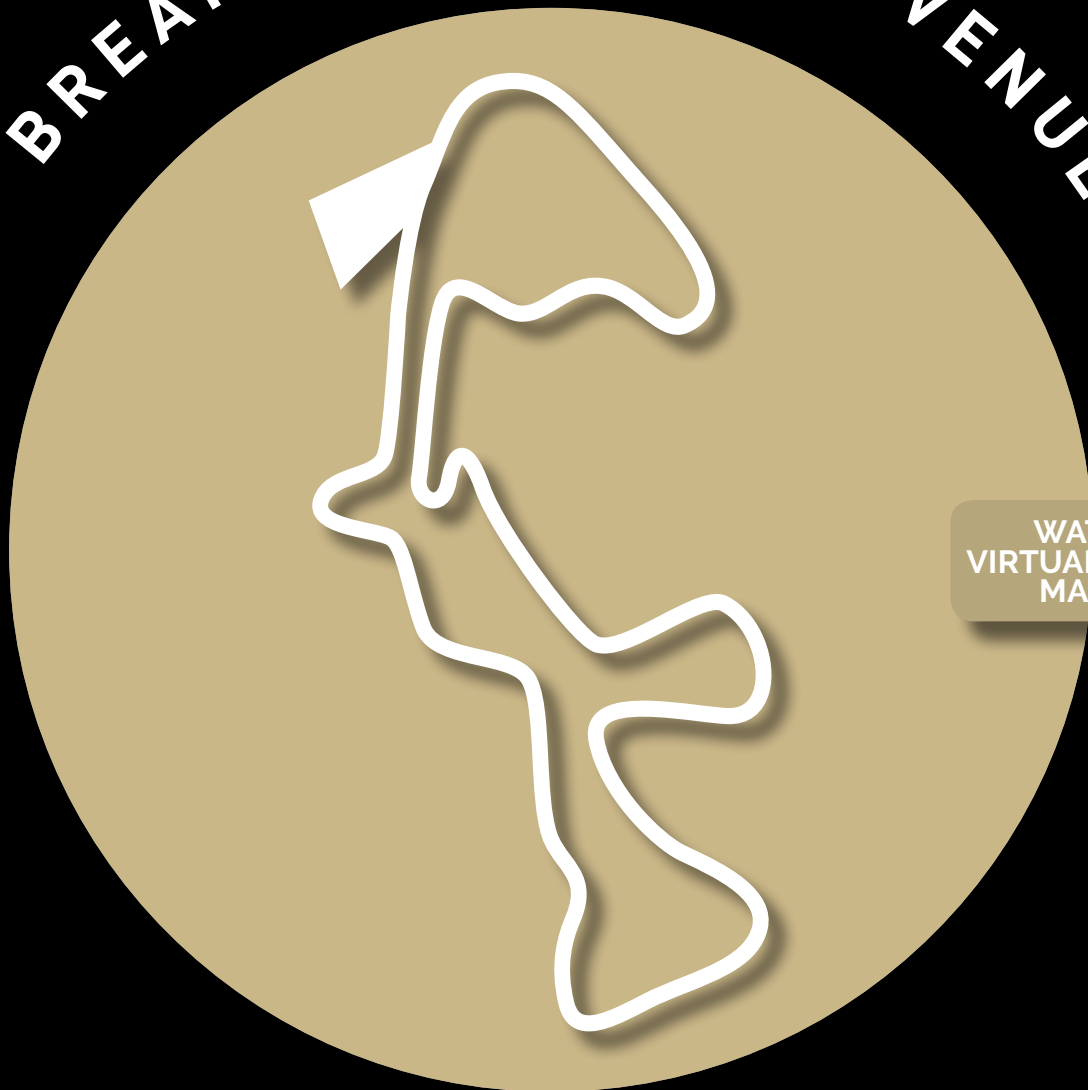
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9:00am		125cc Gold Cup P/Q	20 Min
9:25am		MX1 Practice / Qualifying	30 Min
10:00am		Go Pro Super Pole	10 Min
10:05am		Official Opening	5 Min
10:25am		Motul MX2 Moto 1	30 + 1 lap
11:10am		Pirelli MXD Moto 1	20 + 1 lap
11:45am		Thor MX1 Moto 1	30 + 1 lap
12:20pm		Lunch	60 Min
1:20pm		125cc Gold Cup Moto 1	15 Min
1:50pm		Motul MX2 Moto 2	20 + 1 lap
2:35pm		Thor MX1 Moto 2	30 + 1 lap
3:20pm		Pirelli MXD Moto 2	20 + 1 lap
3:50pm		125cc Gold Cup Moto 2	15 Min

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## ROUND 2 RECAP

# Ferris maintains Thor MX1 championship lead after top Appin performance

*The second round of the 2017 Motul MX Nationals took place at Appin in New South Wales today, and once again CDR Yamaha's Dean Ferris took no prisoners, catapulting to his second Thor MX1 round victory so far this season on the deep and technical circuit.*



# TOP SPOTS



2<sup>nd</sup> | Kirk Gibbs



3<sup>rd</sup> | Todd Waters



4<sup>th</sup> | Brett Metcalfe



5<sup>th</sup> | Kade Mosig



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The Thor MX1 class delivered world class racing from the first gate drop at Appin, with Ferris forced to contend with tough competition and the weather, eventually fighting all the way to the final finish line to leave with another round victory to celebrate.

This morning, it was late in the qualifying session that CDR Yamaha's Ferris set the fastest lap time, a 1:44.696, while despite holding the quickest lap for a good portion of the session, KTM's Kirk Gibbs was pushed down to second with a 1:44.984. Mega Bulk Fuels Monster Energy Kawasaki's Nathan Crawford had his first taste of running with the top guys this morning qualifying in third, while Wilson Coolair Motul Factory Suzuki's Kyle Peters, and SD3 Husqvarna's Brett Metcalfe finished fourth and fifth, and were the final two riders to progress to GoPro Superpole alongside the top three.



But it was Ferris who made it two GoPro Superpole victories in a row at Appin, throwing down a lightning fast 1:42.478 lap time, handing him additional championship points and first gate pick for the round – setting himself up for another close to perfect day at the races.





# MOTO 1

*When bikes lined up for moto one, all eyes were on Ferris' number 1 machine, but when gates dropped it was Wilson Coolair Motul Factory Suzuki's Peters who collected the Raceline holeshot, but Ferris was once again right on his rear wheel.*

After only two laps, KTM's Gibbs joined the battle at the front, with Peters, Ferris and Gibbs only separated by the smallest of margins, ensuring that the crowd was left well and truly on the edge of their seats. Behind the top three was SD3 Husqvarna's Metcalfe, and DPH Motorsport's Mosig, while MX1 rookie Crawford was back in sixth position.

But it was Gibbs who was a man on a mission in moto one, and after only a few turns had made the pass on Ferris for second where he began to eye off Peters. And by lap five, Gibbs had asserted his authority, flying past Peters and slotting up into the lead position for the first time this season.

Surprisingly, it was round one winner Ferris who continued to come under fire from other riders, and before long SD3

Husqvarna's Metcalfe had also made the pass on 2016 champ to slot into third. Thankfully it wasn't long before a mistake from Metcalfe and Peters allowed Ferris to move back into second position.

By just over the halfway point in race one, Gibbs had a healthy five second lead on Ferris in second. Peters continued to maintain third ahead of Metcalfe who had made his way past Mosig in fifth. Crankt Protein Honda Racing's Todd Waters appeared to be having a tough ride in sixth position, followed by Crawford, KTM's Luke Styke, Luke Clout (Honda) and Keiron Hall, who all occupied positions inside the top ten.

As moto one reached its closing stages, Metcalfe showed off his experience on his Husqvarna machine launching up to third



place, while Peters and Mosig both slipped down to sixth and seventh places.

But it was Gibbs who simply ran away with it in race one, putting in consistent, clean laps to take his first race win for the year. Despite posing a threat to the lead earlier in the moto, Ferris crossed the line in second, followed by MX1 veteran Metcalfe in third. Kawasaki's Crawford collected his best finish so far this season, a fourth, while Mosig recovered from a handful of mistakes to finish in fifth. Waters, Peters, Styke, Clout and Russian Aleksandr Tonkov all completed the MX1 top ten in race one.







# MOTO 2

*Riders were met with drastically different weather conditions when the second moto got underway this afternoon – a huge black cloud covering the circuit and threatening the class with rain. When gates dropped it was Ferris who fired off the start and collected the second Raceline holeshot of the day followed by Waters and Styke. Surprisingly Gibbs and Peters who were impressive in race one were back outside the top ten setting up the final moto as a dash to the finish line*

With the rain well and truly beginning to fall after only one lap, riders were forced to adapt to the conditions, but Ferris got better as the weather got worse, and by lap two had stretched out his lead four seconds.

With Ferris and Waters checked out, Metcalfe once again slotted in to third position ahead of KTM Motocross Racing Team's Styke and Mosig. Mega Bulk Fuels Monster Energy Kawasaki's Tonkov looked comfortable as the rain set in in sixth, while teammate Crawford held down seventh.

With the track deteriorating by the

minute, the lap times dropped by more than two seconds, and by the seven lap mark Ferris was the only rider on track clocking times under two minutes – an impressive six seconds a lap faster than any of his competitors.

By the halfway point in the final moto, Gibbs had made his way from outside the top ten into seventh, while Peters who had been close to dead last after lap one had found his way back to tenth.

As race two began to wrap up, Ferris looked at one with his CDR Yamaha machine, adapting like a true professional to the



drastically changing surface conditions. Behind him, Waters continued to maintain second position, followed by Gibbs who had incredibly clawed his way up to third.

But in the pouring rain this afternoon it was Ferris who once again proved why he's the reigning MX1 champ, celebrating and taking the final moto win by a remarkable 35 seconds. Waters finished the final MX1 moto in second position, while KTM's Styke was handed third thanks to a late mistake from teammate Gibbs.

DPH Motorsport's Mosig wrapped up moto two in fourth, followed by SD3 Husqvarna's Metcalfe and Gibbs who finished in fifth and sixth places respectively. Tonkov, Crawford, Clout and Peters wrapped up the top ten in moto two.

With 2,1 results CDR Yamaha's Ferris finished on the MX1 podium top step this afternoon, extending his points lead and maintaining the red plate. Second overall was collected by KTM's Gibbs while Crankt Protein Honda Racing's Waters completed the MX1 Round 2 podium.







## DEAN FERRIS – CDR YAMAHA – ROUND 2 WINNER

"The first moto was tough – I didn't really find my rhythm and Kirk (Gibbs) was riding really well, so I got a bit lucky with a few riders making mistakes but we got solid points in that moto," Ferris explained.

"In the second moto I got the holeshot and that was important with it starting to rain but I just got through the race and didn't do anything crazy. I actually felt more comfortable in the second race in all the slippery stuff.

"It was a really solid day, and we got the GoPro Superpole win again which was nice. We have a good flow going with the team, so we're really happy."





PRESENTS

# MX1 RESULTS

	NUMBER	RIDER NAME	BIKE	POINTS	DIFFERENCE
1	1	Dean Ferris	Yamaha	143	
2	5	Kirk Gibbs	KTM	120	-23
3	8	Kade Mosig	Yamaha	118	-25
4	47	Todd Waters	Honda	108	-35
5	26	Luke Styke	KTM	107	-36
6	199	Nathan Crawford	Kawasaki	97	-46
7	4	Luke Clout	Honda	95	-48
8	14	Kyle Peters	Suzuki	93	-50
9	159	Aleksandr Tonkov	Kawasaki	85	-58
10	24	Brett Metcalfe	Husqvarna	83	-60
11	117	Dylan Long	Yamaha	82	-61
12	144	Keiron Hall	Husqvarna	68	-75
13	237	Zak Small	Husqvarna	59	-84
14	20	Lachlan Davis	KTM	59	-84
15	83	Joel Green	KTM	59	-84
16	52	James Alen	KTM	57	-86
17	153	Hamish Harwood	KTM	57	-86
18	34	Daniel Banks	KTM	51	-92
19	88	Corey James	Yamaha	46	-97
20	264	Izak Maule	Yamaha	40	-103
21	86	Brodie Sims	Yamaha	39	-104
22	30	Joel Wightman	Honda	37	-106
23	57	Charlie Creech	Honda	27	-116
24	41	Rory McKercher	Honda	26	-117
25	46	oliver James	Honda	24	-119
26	22	Jesse Bishop	Yamaha	20	-123
27	36	charlie white	Suzuki	19	-124
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30	15	Luke Wilson	Suzuki	15	-128



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# MX2

Mitchell Evans | **1<sup>st</sup>**



## ROUND 2 RECAP

### Evans takes maiden Motul MX2 victory at Appin

*Appin turned it on for thousands of spectators in New South Wales today, with Serco Yamaha's Mitchell Evans impressing in both Motul MX2 motos to collect a maiden overall win at Round 2 of the Motul MX Nationals.*



# TOP SPOTS



**2<sup>nd</sup>** | Wilson Todd



**3<sup>rd</sup>** | Egan Mastin



**4<sup>th</sup>** | Jackson Richardson



**5<sup>th</sup>** | Hamish Harwood

# MOTUL

MX2 PRESENTED BY MOTUL





With plenty of championship points up for grabs at Appin, Evans capitalised on the opportunity, on what was one of the most technically challenging Appin circuits the series has seen in years.



This morning it was round one winner DPH Motorsport's Wilson Todd who set up his day perfectly, setting the fastest time in qualifying (1:44.590) while behind him Serco Yamaha team mates Evans (1:44.646) and Jackson Richardson (1:45.567) completed the top three times qualifying times. But when racing got underway it was a calm and calculated Evans who showed impressive and mature form.





# MOTO 1

*The Motul MX2 class were the first category to take to the track at Appin, and in a stark contrast to previous years, the track was rutted all the way from one side to the other after only this morning's qualifying sessions.*

When gates dropped, Serco Yamaha duo Evans and Richardson shot out into the top two positions, followed by KTM two-stroke rider Egan Mastin (Davey Motorsports) and red plate holder Todd. By only the second lap, Richardson made up significant ground on his teammate, and managed to secure a pass for the lead as riders headed in to lap three.

But Richardson's lead was somewhat short lived – KTM mounted Mastin who was the fastest man on track by lap three, accelerated from third and passed both Evans and Richardson to snatch up the top spot. However, Evans retaliated and within half a lap

blew past Mastin to reclaim the lead position.

Richardson then continued to fall victim to his competitors, with DPH Motorsport's Todd making his way up to third relegating his fellow Yamaha rider Richardson to fourth.

By the halfway point in moto one, the running order saw Evans continuing to maintain the race lead from Mastin, Todd, and Richardson, while behind the top four, privateer Richie Evans occupied fifth position ahead of Kiwi Hamish Harwood and CRF Honda Racing's Kyle Webster.

After 20 minutes on track, Evans had well and truly settled in to the top spot and



looked super comfortable controlling the race – and with six laps remaining, was the fastest rider on the circuit.

When the chequered flag flew on the first 30-minute moto it was Serco Yamaha's Evans who collected a maiden Motul MX2 race victory, ahead of Mastin and DPH Motorsport's

Todd who crossed the line in second and third respectively. Richardson held on to finish in fourth ahead of New Zealander Harwood in fifth. Webster, Richie Evans, Ricky Latimer, Synep Racing's Dylan Wills and Joel Evans all completed the top ten in moto one.







# MOTO 2

*With the MX2 championship tightening up after the opening moto at Appin, when race two kicked off it was an all out battle for points. When the gate dropped for the second time it was DPH Motorsport's Todd who took the Raceline holeshot, but Serco Yamaha's Richardson was not letting the Yamaha rider out of his sights*

After only a single lap, Northern Queenslander Richardson made the pass on Todd for the lead, where he stretched out the gap to a healthy couple of seconds after only a few turns. Race one winner Evans also joined in on the battle for the top spot, tagging on to the rear end of Todd, providing spectators with a three-way battle for the lead.

Behind the top three, Mastin spearheaded his own fight for positions, with Aaron Tanti, and Wills all within striking distance of the fourth placed rider. But it was heading in to lap three that the brutality of the Appin circuit became realised – Richardson getting caught in a rut and slipping from

first to third within seconds, allowing Todd to inherit the lead position.

With only 20 minutes on the clock in the second moto, by the half way point, riders had settled in to their race positions. Todd continuing to lead the way from Evans, and Richardson, while Mastin managed to hold off Tanti, Wills and Harwood in fifth, sixth and seventh places.

By the time MX2 competitors received the last lap board, the leaders were well and truly into lapped traffic, and to the surprise of the crowd it was Serco Yamaha's Evans who led the way in to the final lap after inheriting the top spot thanks to a mistake from Todd.



Despite a challenge from Todd to reclaim the race lead in the final few turns, it was Evans who crossed the finish line with a perfect score card. Todd was forced to settle for second place in race two, followed by Richardson who finished in third. Mastin wrapped up race two in fourth followed by Tanti, Wills, Harwood, Rykers, Latimer and Evans who completed the top ten.

With 1,1 moto finishes however it was Evans who had reason to celebrate at the conclusion of today, taking his first ever Motul MX2 round win at Appin. Second overall was taken by Todd while Mastin rounded out the MX2 podium.







## MITCHELL EVANS – SERCO YAMAHA – ROUND 2 WINNER

"It was pretty much a perfect day for me here at Appin, I couldn't really be happier with how I rode and how my starts were today," Evans shared.

"The track was really technical today, you had to look ahead to pick your lines and there wasn't many out there because the track was so rough. You had to go slower to go faster – almost like a trail ride.

"It was physically demanding but I really couldn't be happier with the result we got."



# MOTUL

PRESENTS

## MX2 RESULTS

	NUMBER	RIDER NAME	BIKE	POINTS	DIFFERENCE
1	2	Wilson Todd	Yamaha	129	
2	43	Mitchell Evans	Yamaha	126	-3
3	4	Egan Mastin	KTM	117	-12
4	11	Jackson Richardson	Yamaha	114	-15
5	153	Hamish Harwood	KTM	102	-27
6	96	Kyle Webster	Honda	98	-31
7	3	Jayden Rykers	KTM	97	-32
8	64	Dylan Wills	Husqvarna	92	-37
9	86	Richie Evans	Yamaha	91	-38
10	18	Aaron Tanti	Yamaha	88	-41
11	35	Ricky Latimer	Yamaha	77	-52
12	81	Joel Evans	Yamaha	75	-54
13	33	Jesse McNally	Yamaha	70	-59
14	27	Bailey Coxon	Yamaha	69	-60
15	392	Calib Best	Yamaha	57	-72
16	13	Jayden Conforto	Kawasaki	53	-76
17	26	Jake Salems	KTM	47	-82
18	77	Jarrold Kelly	KTM	44	-85
19	94	Levi McManus	Honda	44	-85
20	188	Tomas Ravenhorst	Yamaha	37	-92
21	54	Luke Arbon	Husqvarna	37	-92
22	219	Lachlan Wilson	Yamaha	31	-98
23	112	daniel figueroa	Yamaha	31	-98
24	107	Darren Schenk	Kawasaki	28	-101
25	37	Karl Claridge	KTM	22	-107
26	42	Brandon Johnson	Yamaha	19	-110
27	106	Kye Wilkinson	Kawasaki	14	-115
28	432	James Jafer	Kawasaki	12	-117
29	83	Darcy Cavanagh	Kawasaki	12	-117
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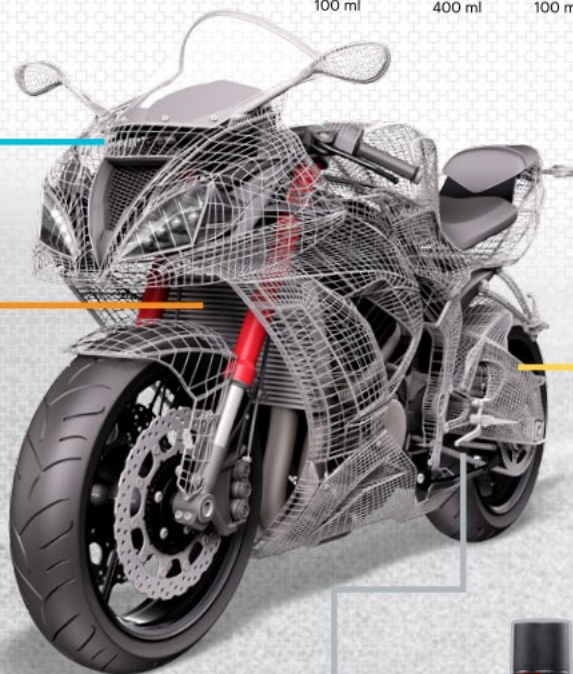
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# MXD

Cody Dyce | **1<sup>st</sup>**



## ROUND 2 RECAP

# Dyce fights back to take Pirelli MXD victory at Appin

*The Appin Motocross Track roared to life today, with the Pirelli MXD class treating spectators to bar to bar racing, Yamalube Yamaha Racing's Cody Dyce edging out his competition to take the Round 2 Motul MX Nationals victory.*



# TOP SPOTS



**2<sup>nd</sup>** | Jy Roberts



**3<sup>rd</sup>** | Callum Norton



**4<sup>th</sup>** | Isaac Ferguson



**5<sup>th</sup>** | Cooper Pozniak

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With racing commencing in perfect conditions, and finishing this afternoon with heavy rain, the Pirelli MXD class were forced to adapt on track today, but it was Dyce's consistency went it counted that paid dividends at the conclusion of the round.



This morning Husqvarna's Justin Hart surprised the competition with an impressive 1:48.894 lap time during qualifying – the fastest of the session and more than a second quicker than his competitors. KTM's Callum Norton and SD3 Husqvarna's Kaleb Barham were second and third quickest on track, while round one winner Cooper Pozniak (Yamalube Yamaha Racing) qualified in fifth. But despite absent from the top times in qualifying, it was Dyce who fought hard to finish on the podium this afternoon.





# MOTO 1

*When race one got underway this morning it wasn't without carnage. Morgan Fogarty collected the Raceline holeshot but went down just a second later, handing the lead to fastest qualifier Hart. The drama on track didn't stop there, and only a few turns later red plate holder Pozniak went down hard, and was forced to re-join the race at the rear of the pack.*

Unfortunately for Hart, he also lost the front of his number 27 machine in a rut and lost two positions on lap two, allowing Riley Dukes to inherit the lead while Norton slotted up in to second place.

Behind the top two riders, Hart maintained third position ahead of Jy Roberts and Yamalube Yamaha Racing's Dyce, while SD3 Husqvarna's Barham looked strong at the mid way point in the moto in sixth position.

Despite Dyce making his way up to fifth after a tough start, by lap nine the Yamaha

rider had made a costly mistake seeing him slip back to seventh. Incredibly it was teammate Pozniak who put in one of the best rides so far this season, and by lap ten had fought his way back from 26th to inside the top five.

By the time riders received the last lap board Dukes looked ready to wrap up his first race win. Norton continued to look strong in third, followed by Hart, Roberts, and red plate holder Pozniak.



And it was in those positions that the Pirelli MXD riders finished – Husqvarna’s Dukes collecting the moto victory from Norton (KTM), followed by Hart who crossed the line in third. Roberts and Pozniak concluded the Pirelli MXD class’s first moto in fourth and fifth positions, while Barham, Dyce, Brodie Ellis, Isaac Ferguson and Jye Dickson rounded out the top ten.







# MOTO 2

*Race two took place late this afternoon and despite the rain subsiding, the water had done the damage and the Pirelli MXD class was forced to contend with one of the most difficult circuits the MX Nationals had seen in years.*

When gates dropped for the second time it was Yamalube Yamaha Racing's Dyce who secured the Raceline holeshot and moved in to the lead – doing his best to stay out of the carnage with riders going down left right and centre.

With Dyce through the mess the Yamaha rider checked out, and Isaac Ferguson (KTM) then slotted in to second position ahead of Pozniak in third. But just as Dyce had made up ground he lost it again, going down on lap two allowing Ferguson to close in on the MXD race leader.

The same fortune was also handed

to Pozniak on the same lap, and despite holding third for the first two rotations, the Yamaha rider slipped back to fifth and was forced to make up time in order to protect his championship lead.

With the circuit testing even the most experienced riders in the premier class, the MXD competitors had their work cut out for them, and by the halfway point in the final moto Dyce continued to showcase plenty of maturity, leading from Roberts who had made the pass on Ferguson for second.

With only a handful of laps remaining, the running order saw Dyce out in front of



Ferguson who had passed Roberts back once again. Fourth place was held by race one runner up Norton, while Raceline Pirelli KTM's Fogarty occupied fifth.

But it was Dyce who led race two from the gate drop all the way to the chequered flag. Second place was collected by Ferguson who held off Roberts in third. Fogarty and Pozniak wrapped up race two in fourth and fifth places respectively, while Norton, Bulk Nutrients

Yamaha's Hugh McKay, Benjamin Broad, Alex Watt and Jai Constantinou completed the top ten.

When the points were tallied from both motos Dyce's 7,1 race results were enough to hand him the round two victory – his first of 2017. Second on the Pirelli MXD podium was taken by Jy Roberts, while Norton finished in third at Appin this afternoon.







**CODY DYCE – YAMALUBE YAMAHA RACING TEAM – ROUND 2 WINNER**

"I managed to get the overall today by only one point! In the first race I got a seventh and in that last race I just did what I could to get the win," Dyce explained.

"There were ruts out there that were as deep as my radiator so today was pretty crazy.

"We got it done though so it feels good to get the win."





PRESENTS

# MXD RESULTS

	NUMBER	RIDER NAME	BIKE	POINTS	DIFFERENCE
1	17	Cooper Pozniak	Yamaha	122	
2	100	Jy Roberts	Husqvarna	120	-2
3	33	Cody Dyce	Yamaha	119	-3
4	16	Kaleb Barham	Husqvarna	100	-22
5	4	Morgan Fogarty	KTM	97	-25
6	24	Benjamin Broad	Kawasaki	96	-26
7	149	isaac ferguson	KTM	94	-28
8	46	Hugh McKay	Yamaha	79	-43
9	7	Riley Dukes	Husqvarna	78	-44
10	27	Justin Hart	Husqvarna	76	-46
11	44	Jai Constantinou	Honda	75	-47
12	75	Brodie Ellis	Yamaha	74	-48
13	11	Sam Pelz	Yamaha	63	-59
14	92	Jye Dickson	KTM	61	-61
15	19	Jackson Coulson	Yamaha	60	-62
16	25	Dylan Wood	Kawasaki	60	-62
17	118	Callum Norton	KTM	57	-65
18	121	Liam Walsh	KTM	56	-66
19	110	Ryan Kenney	KTM	55	-67
20	21	Alex Watt	Husqvarna	49	-73
21	68	Jake Cobbin	Yamaha	31	-91
22	281	Lachlan Torpy	KTM	30	-92
23	521	Kane Fischer	Husqvarna	27	-95
24	5	Hayden Smith	KTM	27	-95
25	139	Lawson Preston	Suzuki	26	-96
26	125	Zac Towill	KTM	23	-99
27	288	William (Billy) Middleton	Husqvarna	21	-101
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30	457	Joshua Livsey	Suzuki	15	-107



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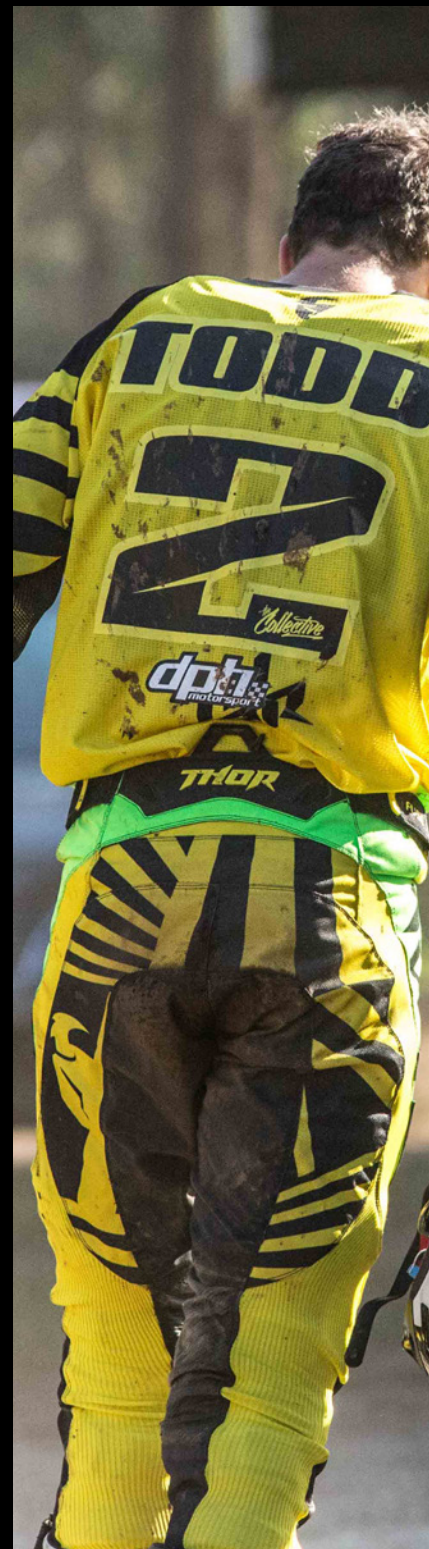




















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## FERRIS FORGES AHEAD AT MX NATIONALS

CDR Yamaha's Dean Ferris has consolidated his position at the top of the MX1 leader board after another triumphant day at round two of the MX Nationals, held at Appin Raceway, southwest of Sydney.

On a day that threw up some challenging weather conditions and a difficult and technical track, it was Ferris who rose above all others to take his second round win in a row and lead the premier division by 23 points back to his nearest rival.

The round started out strongly for the reigning champion, as he posted the fastest lap in the Go Pro Superpole event and again he was out to make every post a winner when racing began.

Moto one got underway under clear blue skies and the full field of 38 thundering 450cc motocross bikes charged into the first turn. Ferris was well placed in the early stages and with 30 minutes of racing ahead, things were looking good for the CDR Yamaha rider.

But he was unable to maintain his intensity and dropped back to fourth place by mid moto but now the experienced campaigner, Ferris was able to regroup, find his mojo again and claw his way back to a second place finish.

As the field gridded up for moto two, a dark cloud rolled over the venue and while there wasn't a huge downpour, a moderate drizzle fell on the already deeply rutted, clay based racing surface making it extremely slippery and demanding for all riders.

But from the moment the gate dropped, Ferris simply put on a riding clinic. He motored away from the field and left them in his wake as he set about stamping his authority on the day. But the end of the moto, he had cleared out to a 25 second lead to take the race win and with it the overall round victory.

"Another round win and a good day for myself and the team," Ferris states. "We had two vastly different track conditions today, and they were much different from the opening round so it's good to be able to perform on all surfaces and in all conditions.

"Moto two was tough in a lot of ways but I enjoyed the challenge of riding in ruts and the rain just added another aspect to it.

"We are off to a great start in the series but it's just two of 10 rounds and we all have a long way to go. Thank you to the CDR Yamaha team for their continued support and belief and we can now prepare for the next round at Conondale which is one of my favourite tracks," Ferris ends.

Team mate, Dylan Long had a tough day at the office to come home in 12th place. Long jarred his recovering wrist in the early stages of moto one but continued to ride through some pain and grind out the best result he could. Despite the 12-13 moto results on the day, Long sits in 11th place but determined to get back on track in the coming rounds.

"This track was always going to be hard on my hand and wrist as the ruts and heavy landings on jumps really have an impact on your body. But when I got a bit loose in the first moto and hit some ruts and bumps, it gave my wrist a pretty good hit and a jolt of pain went right through me.

"I did what I could for the rest of the day but it's disappointing as it's nowhere near my best or what I can do. I will get some more treatment before the next round and hopefully my body will be in much better shape for Conondale," Long explains.

Round three of the MX Nationals will be pivotal for both CDR Yamaha riders as Dean Ferris will be looking to keep the momentum rolling from the opening two rounds while Dylan Long is looking to get his championship back on track as he races his way back to full strength and fitness.



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## DYCE DELIVERS MAIDEN MX NATIONALS VICTORY

16year old Cody Dyce has taken his maiden MX Nationals round victory at round two of the series held at Appin Raceway over the weekend. Competing in the MXD (Under 19) division, Dyce stood atop of the podium after an intense day of racing on a difficult racing surface.

On board his Yamalube Yamaha Racing YZ250F, Dyce overcame a first turn pile in race one and wet and muddy conditions in race two to log the round win and move closer to the championship lead after two rounds.

Moto one saw Dyce down in the very first turn with several other riders but re-joining the race in near last position. He then unleashed some fury in the next three laps as he tore through the 40rider field to be in fifth as lap four got under way.

But that charge took its toll on the rookie Victorian racer and his momentum was halted as the race wore on. He continued to fight but with his arms pumping up, he was only able to salvage a seventh- place result but he was clearly disappointed in where he finished.

Race two took on a completely different complexion as light rain had fallen on the racing surface just prior to the start of the second MXD moto making it extremely slick and difficult for the inexperienced riders to get around. But Dyce handled it like a pro. He roared into the first turn, demanded the lead and instantly gapped the field.

His lead was out to over 15 seconds in the early stages before he fell in the sticky mud on one of the long Appin down hills. He was able to remount his bike, retain the lead but with his clutch lever bent and twisted and his left-hand grip torn from the bike.

But it was then back to business as usual for Dyce who picked up where he left off and proceeded to open up a 20 second margin over his nearest rival by the final stages of the race. Dyce took the win and his combined 7-1 results produced an unlikely overall round win that had the young Victorian speechless when informed of the result.

"With a win in the last race, I was thinking I was probably going to be third for the day but happy to ride well in race two but when they told me I won, I couldn't believe it. I'm stoked about that!

"Race one wasn't good. I coked my leg in the crash, ride like a madman for two laps and then an idiot for another 10 laps so I was pretty determined to finish on a good note in race two.

"When I saw the rain came in, it didn't both me as I don't mind racing in those conditions so I just got out there and went for it.

"It's awesome to win a round so early in the season and a huge thanks goes to Cory and Mike who busted their but all day keeping our bikes in great shape," Dyce said.

It was a contrasting day for team mate and round one winner, Cooper Pozniak, who came home in fifth place for the round after two fifth place positions in each of the motos.

Pozniak again showed plenty of speed and was well placed in both motos only to make some costly mistakes that robbed him of any chance of a podium finish.

Moto one saw the red plate holder charge down the big hill in the top four on the opening lap and looking to gain a position. But as he entered the turn, the bike got cross-rutted and Pozniak was ejected spectacularly as his bike flipped through the air. He quickly remounted and began the long haul back through the field to finally land in fifth place.

Moto two would be one that Pozniak would like to take back. In the top three in the opening laps, a series of crashes in the wet and slimy conditions saw him yo-yo between fourth and eighth for the remainder of the race until a last lap burst saw him move back into fifth place.

Despite the tough round, he still holds the championship lead as we move onto round three.



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# KTM

**MOTOCROSS**

TEAM MANAGER: Jay Marmont  
TEAM MEMBERS: 5  
CHAMPIONSHIPS WON: 21



#5



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#26





## WIN NUMBER ONE FOR KTM'S WARRIOR GIBBS

KTM Motocross Racing Team rider Kirk Gibbs proved both his speed and his trademark resilience are at an all-time high as the 2017 MX Nationals series continued yesterday at Appin.

Gibbs powered his KTM 450 SX-F to a resounding victory in the first race, but his hopes of converting that into his first round win went down when he was caught in a three rider start-line pileup.

Ever the warrior however, Gibbs got going and chipped away at the field, passing every rider barring Todd Waters and Dean Ferris to be third. Unfortunately he was felled by a lapper with two laps to go, and finished sixth.

The epic, and typically gritty ride nonetheless gave Gibbs second on the day behind Ferris and ahead of Waters, and elevated the 2015 MX Nationals Champion to second in the championship.

Luke Styke battled unsuccessfully in race one to find the feel he needs to fire the afterburners, finishing eighth, but bounced back to an impressive podium in the second.

Kiwi Hamish Harwood rode his Davey Motorsports KTM 300 EXC to 13th on the day.

Jay Marmont – KTM Motocross Racing Team Manager: “Kirk was very strong in qualifying and got second to Dean in SuperPole. Going into the first moto we were about sixth off the gate but got through to first place after about 15 minutes, then pulled out a 10-15 second gap and won quite comfortably. To be honest, I didn't think that Kirk was riding at his best and he was still pulling away from the rest of the field quite easily.

We were confident going into the second, but as we gated it rained on the line and as they went off, Mosig went sideways, hit Kirk's throttle and he speared in and took out three other riders, so Clout, Peters and Kirk were left on the ground. He got up, fell again at ten minutes in, then worked his butt off and at the 25-minute mark made his way into third place. With two to go however, a lapper fell in front of him and he crashed and unfortunately dropped back to sixth. It gave us second on the day and there were a lot of positives to take out of it. We missed out on that overall again but we're definitely getting closer.

Luke didn't get the best start and finished eighth, and was quite down on himself to be honest. We talked, made some changes and in the second in the mud he rode

a lot more solid, showed a lot more fight, and put himself in third. We just need to get that consistency out of him so we can turn a couple of top-threes for a podium.”

### MX1

Kirk Gibbs – KTM450SX-F: “I didn't feel like I rode very well at the first round, so to come here and ride well was great. I'm happy with my speed, but that second race was just tough. Anything that could go wrong did. I did a lot of damage control, and then gave it away at the end. I know it's only round two but to give someone of Dean's calibre that sort of a points lead this early makes it tough.

I have a lot of confidence in myself and I knew what to work on after last round so to get a race win is awesome. I'll never give up in a race and obviously that shows, but it is frustrating when you've earned a good position and then you lose it in the last two laps.”

Luke Styke – KTM450SX-F: “In practice and qualifying I struggled a little bit with my set up and I wasn't feeling it in the conditions. For moto one we made some minor changes which made it a little more confidence but for moto two we made more drastic changes to help with the tricky track conditions. It rained while we were on the sight lap and continued to rain through the moto which made it really technical, but with the changes we made and my Dunlop tyres I was able to get my first podium of the year. I'm not satisfied overall with the result but it's steps in the right direction and I feel as a team we are moving forward.”

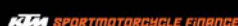
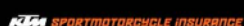
### MX2

Davey Motorsport rider and 2014 MXD Champion Egan Mastin logged his second podium in as many rounds at Appin with a 2-4 result for third on the day, behind Mitch Evans and Wilson Todd.

Western Australian rising star Jayden Rykers had the kind of day they call character-building, and was felled by crashing riders in every outing, still managing to take his Raceline Development Team KTM 250 SX-F to 12-8 moto finishes for 11th overall.

### MXD

In MXD racing, Moto Tech KTM's Callum Norton proved that being fresh out of juniors is no obstacle if the throttle is held on long enough, powering to an impressive maiden podium.



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**RACELINE**  
LIQUID TECHNOLOGY

**KTM**

TEAM MANAGER: Chris Tisdale  
BIKES: KTM 250SX-F



#3

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#4



#5



# FOGARTY AND RYKERS SALVAGE POINTS AT ROUND 2 OF THE MX NATIONALS

Raceline Pirelli KTM's Jayden Rykers and Morgan Fogarty took further steps forward despite recording mixed results at Appin, at what was a technically challenging Round 2 of the MX Nationals over the weekend.

Both riders fought hard in their respective motos yesterday, however the pair were struck with bad luck, forcing Fogarty and Rykers to hang it all out in a bid to salvage important championship points.

In the MX2 class, Rykers suffered a case of being in the wrong place at the wrong time on the weekend. After qualifying in 10th, Rykers raced to 12-8 race results, suffering a number of crashes in both motos, placing him in 11th overall at the conclusion of the round.

"My weekend involved a lot of being in the wrong place at the wrong time unfortunately," Rykers said.

"In the first moto I got to a top five start but another rider ran straight into me leaving the up-ramp which caused me to high side off the jump – then I had to try and dodge the other 35 people coming around one. Three laps later I was coming through the pack and had a rider jump across the track and hit me which left me a fair way back but I was able to get to 12th.

"In the second moto I got to not a bad start but had another rider fall straight in front of me, forcing me to have to come from dead last back to eighth. It wasn't the weekend we wanted, but we'll regroup and be ready for Conondale."

It was a similar fortune for teammate and MXD pilot Fogarty. After qualifying in 12th the MX Nationals rookie raced to 14-4 results handing him sixth overall for the round.

"The weekend didn't really go as planned for me, it was just one of those days but we will keep working on being better and make round three one to remember," Fogarty shared.

"In Moto 1 I got a great start but just as I went in to a rut my front end grabbed. I ended up being in dead last but put in a fight and made my way up a long way but then a lapper cut across on me coming down the far back hill which led to me having a big one. I did my best to make it back to 14th.

"In Moto 2 I got another good start and I just rode my own race and finished fourth. We ended up sixth overall for the day so we are still up there, but I'll definitely be looking for a little more next round."

The 2017 MX Nationals will continue at Conondale in Queensland on Sunday, May 7. Visit the official series website at [www.mxnationals.com.au](http://www.mxnationals.com.au) for further information.

To follow Raceline Pirelli KTM's progress this year, like 'Raceline' on Facebook or follow @raceline\_motosport on Instagram.



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TEAM MANAGER: Troy Carroll  
TEAM MEMBERS: 6  
CHAMPIONSHIPS WON: 1



#159



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#199





# MEGA BULK FUELS MONSTER ENERGY KAWASAKI RACING TEAM PROGRESSES AT APPIN

MEGA Bulk Fuels Monster Energy Kawasaki Racing Team is taking the positives from round two of the 2017 Motul MX Nationals at Appin, New South Wales, today where both Nathan Crawford and Aleksandr Tonkov continued to gain momentum.

From the outset, 19-year-old Crawford displayed immense pace around the Macarthur Motorcycle Complex hillside. His third-position qualifying time earned him his first-ever feature in Super Pole, where he rode to a fourth-fastest lap.

Searing heat greeted racers for their opening MX1 outing, but Queenslander Crawford thrived in the taxing conditions. Capitalising on a good start and the mistakes of others, Crawford piloted his 2017 KX450F to a strong fourth place – his career-best MX1 result.

The heavens opened just before the second MX1 race got under way, making for treacherous racing conditions. Crawford focused on minimising his mistakes and picked his way around the slick, hard-pack circuit to eighth position and seventh overall on the day. He's now P6 in the standings.

"There were lots of positives to take from today," Crawford enthused afterward. "We're only at round two and I've already got my first Super Pole, which was a big step forward from Wonthaggi. Following that up with a fourth in the first moto was really good, but mother nature didn't play to our favour and the second race was a bit of a struggle. I'm not too worried about my eighth place in that race – we'll take the positives from here and bring them to Conondale in two weeks' time."

MEGA Bulk Fuels Monster Energy Kawasaki Racing Team's Russian-born pilot Tonkov was also encouraged by an

improved result around the rutted Appin circuit, especially after having limited riding opportunities between rounds due to a practice crash after Wonthaggi.

Tonkov recorded the 10th-fastest MX1 qualifying time, then backed that up with a 10th position in the opening race. With rain falling before the second moto, Tonkov continued to show his promise with a series-best seventh placing, which was a result that saw him finish the day in eighth overall and climb to ninth overall in the championship.

"I definitely made some progress, but it's still tough," 23-year-old Tonkov stated. "I had a big crash after Wonthaggi and haven't had much time on the bike. Mentally it's been tough too – in the GPs I was leading races and on podiums, but now I come to Australia and I'm riding around in 10th position."

"I think if everything comes together and I start training good, riding the tracks and we spend some long weeks practicing and setting up the bike, step by step we're going to be there. Every time we go on the track we improve. Like today, qualifying, first moto then second moto, each time I was on the track I was getting better and better. That's the goal – to keep that flow and see where to end up."

The third round of the 2017 Motul MX Nationals championship will be held at Conondale, Queensland, on Sunday, 7 May. Further information on the 10-round series can be found on the official website at [www.mxnationals.com.au](http://www.mxnationals.com.au).

To stay up-to-date with the MEGA Bulk Fuels Monster Energy Kawasaki Racing Team, 'Like' MEGA Bulk Fuels Monster Energy Kawasaki Racing Team on Facebook or 'Follow' @mega\_monsterenergy\_kawasaki on Instagram.



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**SD3**  
RACING

**Husqvarna**  
MOTORCYCLES

HEADQUARTERS: Sydney, NSW  
TEAM MEMBERS: 8



#24



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#16





## HUSQVARNA'S METCALFE TIGHTENS THE GAME AT APPIN

SD3 Husqvarna rider Brett Metcalfe took a step closer to the MX Nationals winner's circle yesterday when he registered his first podium for the year in tricky conditions at round two of the 2017 championship at Appin.

The experienced 32-year-old international was fourth on the day, behind defending Champion Dean Ferris, Kirk Gibbs and Todd Waters, and importantly found a new setup direction to make the next step forward in track speed.

Metcalfe powered his Husqvarna FC450 to third place during the opening moto, crashed and lost several spots, then regained third to book his podium appearance. He then took a fifth in the rain-affected second race after he was forced to throw his goggles at the halfway mark.

MX1 rookie Zak Small finished the day 17th on the Mega Motorcycles FC 350, after 19th and 15th finishes.

In MX2, Husqvarna Synep Racing's Dylan Wills moved closer to his pre-injury form, carding sixth overall with 9-6 finishes.

Robertson's Motorcycles racer Jy Roberts continues to impress in MXD, throttling his Husqvarna FC250 to its second runner-up finish in as many rounds, to move within two points of the national championship lead.

At Appin, he finished second to Cody Dice, while SD3/Full Throttle Husqvarna's Kaleb Barham had to be satisfied with seventh overall after poor starts left him with 6-11 results.

The round's Rising Star Rookies 250cc support class began strongly for Husqvarna Factory Junior Squad rider Bailey Malkiewicz, who powered his Moto GC Husqvarna TC125 into third behind Mason Semmens and Rhys Budd.

Steve McKinnon – SD3 Husqvarna Team Owner: "We had reasonable qualifying for both boys. Brett muffed

up his SuperPole lap, so we changed a couple of things around and went out for race one. Metty rode really hard for P3 in that race, but when MX1 were on the gate for the second moto the heavens opened. It was funny, there wasn't that much rain but the track became an ice rink.

Metty was pretty comfortable in P3, but he had some goggle issues, both with fogging and his roll-off. He became one of maybe half a dozen guys to throw his goggles, which caused him to have another little crash. He hasn't crashed twice in a race day probably for years, so he's justifiably frustrated. We were P4 on the day with a 3-5 and overall the pace is there. We've got a couple of weeks now to refine a few more things before Conondale.

Brett Metcalfe; "I struggled a little bit in practice with some settings, but we made huge headway with chassis/suspension relation before that first moto and we got out there and were running good track speed. I worked my way up into third and unfortunately crashed and dropped a few spots, but I was able to charge back through by the end and pick up a podium. In the second we ran the same setup and didn't have as good a start but actually salvaged it pretty good, worked through a few spots and got up to third. I had an issue with water getting into the lens of the goggles, and after I finally threw them about half way, I instantly crashed. It was just a mistake on my behalf. I lost a lot of spots, and after that I was just trying to dodge roost and not take an eye out. It was disappointing – I felt like there was another third there that I let slip away, but anyhow...

We're making gains, but we've still got a little bit to go. I'm happy to come away with a couple of top-fives, but, it isn't what I want at all. We're pushing to try and win some motos here."



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MOTORCYCLES

HEADQUARTERS: Sydney  
TEAM MEMBERS: 5

**#64**



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## CRANKT PROTEIN HONDA RACING'S WATERS ON APPIN MX1 PODIUM

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Crankt Protein Honda Racing Team's Todd Waters came away from the second round of the 2017 Motul MX Nationals at Appin, New South Wales, with a hard-fought podium result after an eventful day on the track on Sunday.

In hot conditions the Queenslander established himself in a solid fourth position for most of the opening race before a costly error late in the race saw him drop to sixth.

As the heavens opened at the start of the second MX1 race, Waters put all of his racing experience to task as the rain brought on treacherous conditions for Australia's best racers. Waters maintained a steady pace and focused on minimising the errors on his way to a rewarding runner-up result and third overall for the day. His strong finish has elevated him to fourth in the MX1 championship fight.

Meanwhile, MX1 rookie and Sydney local Luke Clout continued his learning curve at his home round. Clout raced to a brace of ninth places on his way to 10th overall, highlighted with a strong recovery in the water-logged second race. Clout got tangled in a first-lap crash out of the gates and surged from the back of the pack to an impressive ninth-place finish. He is now seventh in the MX1 standings.

The third round of the 2017 MX Nationals will be held at Conondale, Queensland on Sunday 7 May.

To stay up-to-date with the Crankt Protein Honda Racing Team, visit the team's official website at [www.teamhondaracing.com.au](http://www.teamhondaracing.com.au) or follow @teamhondaracing on social media.



**PENRITE**



**HONDA**



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CRF

Honda Racing

HEADQUARTERS: Mt Kuring-Gai, NSW  
TEAM MEMBERS: 7

#30



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#96





## TOP TEN OVERALL FOR WEBSTER IN MX2, INJURY SIDELINES WIGHTMAN AS MX NATIONALS THUNDERS INTO APPIN, NSW

Australia's elite dirt bike riders thundered into Appin Raceway on the southern outskirts of Sydney, NSW, for Sunday's (April 23) second round of the prestigious MX Nationals championship.

Hosted by the MacArthur District Motorcycle Club and staged by the team at Williams Event Management, the Appin event continued to showcase Australian motocross racing after the championship kick-off in Wonthaggi, Victoria, earlier in the month. This time out the Penrite CRF Honda Racing squad was headlined by MX2 competitor Kyle Webster for the weekend, while team-mate Joel Wightman was sidelined from MX1 duties with a collarbone injury.

Lining up aboard his potent Penrite-lubricated Honda CRF250R thumper, Webster was keen to carry on the form from round one which saw him notch up a podium finish in one moto.

In a stacked field of MX2 racers, Webster qualified seventh fastest at Appin, then went on to complete the event with sixth and 11th place finishes in the day's two MX2 motos, good enough for ninth overall.

"Overall though it was a rough day," Webster revealed after the Appin event.

"Some small mistakes and bad starts really cost me, and then when I went down in the first turn of the second moto, it got really tough. I was dead last but managed to fight my way back to 11th by the finish.

"I definitely have the speed to run with the front guys," Webster continued, "but I just need it to all come together to get the results I know I am really capable of."

After two rounds of the 2017 MX Nationals MX2 championship chase, Webster now sits sixth overall in the standings as the national title fight gets set to move to

Conondale, Queensland for round three in just under a fortnight's time.

Meanwhile the Penrite CRF Honda Racing team's MX1 competitor Joel Wightman was forced to spectate at the Appin event, after being sidelined recently with a collarbone injury.

"On Easter Sunday I was practising at the Ranch track near Raymond terrace, NSW, and was working on speed early in the day while the track was fresh," Wightman explained.

"I made a little mistake which resulted in a fairly decent tumble, where I cracked my collarbone.

"At this stage I am hopeful of a return to racing at the next MX Nats round at Conondale, but more realistically I will be ready for round four in Horsham, Victoria.

"Having to watch the racing today at Appin was hard," Wightman continued, "but in saying that, I always love being around the race track, especially at a national event and getting to watch the country's best riders. I took it as a chance to try and learn things while watching on from the sidelines."

In the MXD division, young Penrite CRF Honda Racing development rider Nick Luksich continued his first steps into the national competition scene, following his first-ever MXD hit-out at Wonthaggi earlier in the month. At Appin Luksich posted 28/23 moto placings in class and now has 13 championship points to his credit as he continues to soak in all the atmosphere and experience of being part of the country's premier motocross competition.

The next outing for the Penrite CRF Honda Racing team will be round three of the MX Nationals at Conondale, Queensland, on Sunday, May 7.



**PENRITE**



**HONDA**



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#7

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**#46 HUGH MCKAY**  
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#18



#46



## RESULTS NOT MATCHING FORM ROUND TWO APPIN

A perfect circuit was presented for round 2 of the MX Nationals in Appin with the club making many improvements to the track. It's a unique facility at Appin with a public track and then the race track on the other side of the hill.

The team took advantage of the public track giving the guys a chance to spend some more time on their race bikes on the Saturday before the event, to ensure everything was spot on for Sundays racing. After a busy afternoon of preparing the bikes after riding Saturday, it was time to set sights on the job at hand and putting the Bulk Nutrients Yamaha's at the pointy end of the field.

Sundays weather was spot on as a big crowd rolled in. NSW is Aaron Tanti's home, so he was keen to show his form at Appin in front of family and friends. Aaron posted 13, 5 finishes across the two motos and 10th overall for the round, which left a little sour taste in Aarons mouth – as the result did not match his speed and how good he was riding.

Aaron unfortunately had a crash in the first race while running up front, however it didn't take him long to remount as he remained in 7th after the crash. Unfortunately, the crash damaged his front brake calliper and caused the bike to lose brakes for the remainder of the race. Aaron worked hard but struggled to maintain the pace with no brakes and a tricky circuit dropping back to 13th. The positive for the day was Aaron taking a season best race result of 5th in the second moto, which gives him the confidence he needs to keep fighting forward in the championship.

Hugh McKay was fighting a cold all weekend at Appin but he was determined to not let that dampen the weekend. Hugh posted 19, 7 moto finishes and 10th overall, however these results don't reflect Hugh's speed. Hugh posted good starts in both races and showed some great speed in moments of the race, posting fastest lap times on certain laps. Hugh unfortunately couldn't manage to stay on the bike having a bunch of falls across the two races hurting his overall result.

After two rounds Hugh sits 8th in the MXD championship and Aaron sits 10th in MX2 championship, these results do not reflect the speed and potential both boys have displayed, so the writing is on the wall for some good results to come. The team feels it is very much in their grasp for Hugh to win races and podium and Aaron to also land himself on the competitive MX2 podium. Time will tell as the team prepares for round 3, Coolum QLD in a fortnights time.



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## MITCH EVANS

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Mitch Evans stepped up to the MX2 class with much hype after securing the MXD class last year. Finishing equal third at Wonthaggi, Evans took his riding to the next level taking a 1-1 finish for the day and claiming his maiden overall victory. He showed the rest of the field that he will be a threat in the stacked championship race.







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# ROUND 4

# AORC



## RUPRECHT, MILNER, STANFORD AND DRISCOLL SPRINT TO VICTORY FOR YAMAHA AORC

It was a fast and furious start to the morning for the competitors of the 2017 Yamaha Australian Off-Road Championship (AORC), from the moment they left the WR450F test gates at Rawson for Round 4. The day featured phenomenal weather conditions and fast lap times by the competitors. The sprint tests were won by Daniel Milner, Lachlan Stanford, Wil Ruprecht and Michael Driscoll for their respective classes.

### E3

The E3 sprint spoils went to Lachlan Stanford of the Husqvarna Enduro Racing Team with his total time of 53:46.445, managed to snatch victory from Lyndon Snodgrass from KTM Enduro Team. Snodgrass started as the number one seed but lost the lead to Stanford. Snodgrass posted a total time of 54:03.166. Up next was KTM rider Tom Mason, with a very respectable





third place finish with his time of 55:00.503. Mason battled with Active8 Yamaha Yamalube Racing Team Beau Ralston for the duration of the tests.

## E2

KTM Enduro Team's Daniel Milner was first to hit the test track after winning yesterday's cross country race and was on the pace straight away, leading from the front on Heat One with a quick lap time of 8:48.455. From then on it was a Milner master class with a total time of 53:01:949. After such a successful comeback to the Yamaha AORC from America, Milner will be very pleased to go back to back on his return weekend. Up next for E2 was Active8 Yamaha Yamalube Racing Team's Joshua Green with his total time of 53:45.256. Green pushed Milner very hard and was closing in but Milner upped his pace in the final heats. In the end it wasn't enough to catch his rival. In third place was Riley Graham on his Yamaha, with a combined total lap time of 54:13:447. Graham rose up the rankings throughout the day to finish in a very respectable position.

## E1

Bringing it home for E1 was talented youngster Wil Ruprecht from Active8 Yamaha Yamalube Racing Team, leading from start to finish. With his debut for the E1 class going exceptionally well so far, Ruprecht is sure to be a title contender from the get go for his class. Ruprecht finished with a total time of 53:49.810. Up next was KTM mounted Jack Simpson who finished with a total time of 53:52.255. Rounding out the talented podium was Scott Keegan on his Yamaha, maintaining the same position as yesterday's cross-country race with his total time a 55:16.619.

## EJ

For Transmoto EJ, Michael Driscoll would once again prove to be the master of the track for the Under 19's. His debut after switching from motocross is also providing excellent early results. His total lap time equated to 55:55.362. Following Driscoll was Reynders Jonte on his Yamaha who moved his way up the timesheets as the day progressed. Jonte finished with a total time of 56:38.699. Nic





Tomlinson maintained position and finished third for DSR Motul/Perelli Sherco Off Road Racing Team with his time a 56:43.899. An impressive result for his first weekend with his new Sherco team.

It's been wall-to-wall, action packed debut rounds for the Yamaha AORC in 2017. With so many stories and triumphs, its sure to be another exceptional year for the Championship. Can't wait to see what lies in store for Rounds 5 & 6 in Queensland.

### **E3 Provisional Results**

1. Lachlan Stanford – 53:46.445
2. Lyndon Snodgrass – 54:03.166
3. Tom Mason – 55:00.503
4. Beau Ralston – 55:08.537
5. Chris Perry – 57:40.109
6. Jesse Lawton – 57:50.716
7. Anthony Venn – 59:40.757
8. Luke Bunnik – 1:02:25.932

### **E2 Provisional Results**

1. Daniel Milner – 53:01.949
2. Joshua Green – 53:45.256
3. Riley Graham – 54:13.447
4. Stefan Granquist – 55:30.665
5. Andrew Wilksch 55:35:102
6. Christopher Davey – 57:12.919
7. Peter Boyle – 57:13.980
8. Ben Grabham – 58:27.716
9. Jamie Robins – 58:32.080
10. Alex Stephenson – 58:46.742

### **E1 Provisional Results**

1. Wil Ruprecht – 53:49.810
2. Jack Simpson – 53:52.255
3. Scott Keegan – 55:16.619
4. Brad Hardaker – 56:17.394
5. Baylee Davies – 57:30.266
6. Peter-Daniel Allan – 59:14.688
7. Bayley Burt – 59:22.114
8. Craig Prout – 1:00:12.333
9. Justin Parker – 1:00:33.127
10. Matthew Zygarlicki – 1:00:54.352

### **Transmoto EJ Provisional Results**

1. Michael Driscoll – 55:55.362
2. Reynders Jonte – 56:38.699
3. Nic Tomlinson – 56:43.899
4. Johnson Dalton – 57:19.786
5. Fraser Higlett – 57:20.646
6. Jacob Peacock – 58:37.473
7. Broomhall Seton – 59:22.971
8. Rick Ireland – 1:00:37.003
9. Lachlan Skinner – 1:00:39.557
10. Lachlan Allan – 1:00:54.158





# CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

## E1

1	Ruprecht RUPRECHT	50
2	Jack SIMPSON	44
3	Scott KEEGAN	40
4	Brad HARDAKER	34
5	Baylee DAVIES	34
6	Bayley BURT	29
7	Craig PROUT	27
8	Justin PARKER	24
9	Matthew ZYGARLICKI	24
10	Brad SNELL	18

## E3

1	Lyndon SNODGRASS	47
2	Lachlan STANFORD	47
3	Tom MASON	40
4	Beau RALSTON	36
5	Jesse LAWTON	31
6	Anthony VENN	29
7	Chris PERRY	16

## VETERAN

1	Jade GARTLAN	50
2	David MURRAY	44
3	David MOODY	38
4	Dave JONGBLOED	34
5	Scott SZABO	31
6	Lou STYLIANOU	30
7	Anthony GREENE	27
8	Glenn STILES	26
9	Trevor DUNCAN	23
10	Con PRIVITERA	18

## E2

1	Daniel MILNER	50
2	Joshua GREEN	44
3	Stefan GRANQUIST	38
4	Riley GRAHAM	35
5	Andrew WILKSCH	32
6	Broc GRABHAM	31
7	Jamie ROBINS	26
8	Josh MAJOR	23
9	Trent TUCCI	20
10	Christopher DAVEY	15

## EJ

1	Michael DRISCOLL	50
2	Nic TOMLINSON	40
3	Fraser HIGLETT	38
4	Jonte REYNDERS	37
5	Dalton JOHNSON	34
6	Jacob PEACOCK	33
7	Seton BROOMHALL	27
8	Lachlan SKINNER	26
9	Sean MACPHERSON	19
10	Harrison TETLEY	17

## MASTERS

1	Derek GRUNDY	50
2	Michael WIDDISON	44
3	Wayne VANDENBERG	40
4	Rob MYSTEK	36
5	Andrew BESPALOV	31
6	Ray SCOTT	28
7	David SALT	21
8	Raymond THORP	19
9	Patrick DILLON	17
10	Michael BURKE	16



### Womens:

<b>1</b>	Jemma WILSON	50
<b>2</b>	Emelie KARLSSON	44
<b>3</b>	Sophie COLDICUTT	40
<b>4</b>	Tegan HALL	36
<b>5</b>	Emma BROADBENT	32
<b>6</b>	Kate NORMAN	29
<b>7</b>	Stacey THOMPSON	25
<b>8</b>	Angela SCOTT	25
<b>9</b>	Cheyenne JONES	15
<b>10</b>	Rachelle DESSERT	13

### J2:

<b>1</b>	Tyran TOMICH	50
<b>2</b>	Kyron BACON	42
<b>3</b>	Will RIORDAN	42
<b>4</b>	Jasper FRANKLIN	36
<b>5</b>	Mackenzie JOHNSON	32
<b>6</b>	Riley MCGILLIVRAY	29
<b>7</b>	Dusten O'NEIL	29
<b>8</b>	Tom SPARKS	23
<b>9</b>	Lochie STAFFORD	22
<b>10</b>	Aidan PARMESAN	20

### J3:

<b>1</b>	Jayden RUDD	50
<b>2</b>	Chapman NED	44
<b>3</b>	Sam BARTON	38
<b>4</b>	Jaylan LESSIO	38
<b>5</b>	Jared WATSON	31
<b>6</b>	Benjamin HARRIS	28
<b>7</b>	Daniel VAN DER WERF	27
<b>8</b>	Royce PATTERSON	25
<b>9</b>	Max PRICE	25
<b>10</b>	Aaron MILES	21











  
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